

November 27, 2011
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, November 28, 7:30 am

Agnes Wyka

Tuesday, November 29, 7:30 am

William Grevesen

Thursday, December 1, 7:30 am

Frederick Bamert

Friday, December 2, 7:30 am

Ralph DeStefano

Saturday, December 3, 5:00 pm

Colonel John McHugh

Evan Callahan

Sunday, December 4

7:30 am Augustin & Fermina David Family

9:00 am Frank Palagano

10:30 am George Porreca

12:00 pm Josephine Richardson

Celebrant Schedule: December 3rd & 4th

Sat. 5:00 pm Msgr. Murray

Sun. 7:30 am Fr. Mark

Sun. 9:00 am Fr. Mark

Sun. 10:30 am Fr. Mark

Sun. 12:00 pm Msgr. Murray

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the weekly collection will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

This weekend's 2nd Collection is for the
Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The Catholic Home Missions collection serves Catholics in regions of our country where people and resources to serve the faithful are limited. These areas struggle to make do with few priests and Catholic institutions and limited financial resources. Please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: II Peter 3:8-14

Peter tells the people to concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps."

John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of deceased members of Chimento, Costantino, Arcomanno & Thomas families requested by Joe & Angelina Thomas.

Bread & Wine in memory of Alan Browne requested by Jo Browne.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Next meeting on **Wednesday, December 7th, 1 pm** at the Ministry House for a Christmas Party Luncheon. For more information, please call Stephanie Travers at 973-227-4197.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Elaine Dudek, L.S.W. – Staff Therapist/Youth Specialist-Bereavement Group. For special requests, please call 201-787-8623 or email at scriptanalyst53@aol.com.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, November 29th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. We have yarn, patterns and ideas. Beginners welcome! For details

SCRIPTURE STUDY

We will conclude our discussions on Paul's letters to the Corinthians on November 29th and will start the Book of Daniel on December 6th. Shadrach, Mescakh, Abednego . . . Nebuchadnezzar. . . Christians and the Lion's Den . . . all with God using Daniel to send the message to his people that here is hope . . . and the Messiah will be coming . . . more than 600 years later. Come join us for this fascinating book and story. No prior experience necessary. At the Ministry House, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, followed by refreshments.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, December 5th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

Santa Breakfast - Saturday, December 10th, 10:00 am, Parish Center. For more information please call Jerry or Eileen Vella at 973-335-9236.

R.C.I.A.

Four letters that stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process where non-Catholics explore our faith and are invited to become members of our Church. It is also open to Baptized Catholics who were never educated in the faith. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in joining us, please contact the Ministry House. We

would be excited to journey with you as we explore the faith together.



The Advent Wreath

The origins of the Advent Wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light.

Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose, but four white candles or four violet candles can also be used. Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal—one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding weekly until December 25th. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.

*Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark*



MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY

**Christmas Wreath Sale
To Benefit Youth Ministry
After All Masses, December 3rd & 4th**

December

- 3 – Christmas Wreath Making
- 3 & 4 – Christmas Wreath Sale
- 4 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 7 – Homeless Solutions
- 9 – Eric Johnson
- 10 – Santa Breakfast, Advent Lock-In
- 11 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 13 – Homeless Solutions
- 18 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

****We are on FACEBOOK.*** Please search for us under St. Pius X in Northern New Jersey. Additional updates will be sent every week from our page there.

For information on how to join our Youth Ministry, please call Kurt Kilanowski at ext. 110 or e mail at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org or visit our website at: www.stpiusxym.com.

EVANGELIZATION

Please e mail Kurt Kilanowski to obtain more information on how to become a Greeter for our new Hospitality Ministry, youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

PRAYER GROUP

St. Pius X Spirit of Love Prayer Group meets semi-monthly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7 pm in the Quiet Room. Please enter through the School lobby. What do we do? We praise God in song and prayer. We thank Him for His many blessings. We seek guidance and comfort in Scripture. We offer prayers for our parish family including those listed in the bulletin and for the petitions written in the book in the Deacon David Library. No need to join, come when you can and experience God's love and peace. For immediate, urgent prayer, you may call 973-227-9234 or 973-575-9570.

“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.”

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Saint Pius X School

Dear Lord,
When fear rises up in me and I do not believe in my ability to be your instrument, I will turn to you O Lord and remember the things you have done for and through me. I also believe that your strength will rise up within and help me overcome my fears so that I will be a conqueror in every trial. Your love for me is so deep that I need to trust in your power, and rest in your peace. Amen.

Anita Karr – Grade 8

God, you have influenced me in so many ways,
You remind me of all the greats,
the birds that sing each day,
the owl that coos up so late,
these are just a few ways
they remind me of you each day.
As time goes by there will be more,
so many I could write about but my hand would be sore.
When the seasons change I think of you,
even when there are a million things to do,
You always find ways for me to think of you.

Sam Donabauer – Grade 8

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Praying for fellow parishioners who are sick is an important component to our Faith. Due to privacy issues, however, people do not always appreciate their names being published. Requests for published names will only be taken from a family member accompanied by a phone number.

Alvira Condurso, John Farkas, Carol Geers, Fred Dunlea, Maryann Vanderyst, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Fortenza, Debbie Imhoff, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, John & Marilyn DeSantis, Ann Dimaira, Susan Lundy-Maute, Paul Tortorella, Victor Marmo, John & Mary Sessa, Jason McGaha, Marilyn Geffken, Tom Clayton, Eileen and Michael Boos, Barbara Capsouras, Elizabeth Krone, Frank & Kay Ferrugia, Christine Paglia, Ragan Kilkell, Adrian Simone, Paul Perrone, Maria Paleologo, Lucille Conkright, Janet Babbitt, Rocco Trifari, Rose Carifi and Gayle Smith.

Please remember to notify the office when your family member has recovered in order to remove their name.

Religious Formation

**Schedule of Classes for
December 5, 2011**

Glory Middle School

Grades 6, 7, 8 – 7:30 am Mass; Class 8:15 – 9:30 am

Glory Elementary School

Kindergarten – Class 9:00 – 9:50 am

Grades 1, 4 & 5 – 9:00 am Mass; Class 10:00–11:00 am

Grades 2 & 3 – 10:30 Mass; Class 11:30 am – 12:30

Confirmation-Grade 10

Grade 10 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1:00-2:00 pm

Music Ministry News

Fourth Annual Christmas Concert Celebration With Champagne, Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Sunday, December 4th, 5 pm

The concert this year is earlier in the season, hoping to get everybody in the Christmas Spirit a bit sooner! Tickets will be available in the Ministry House and after all Masses until the Christmas Concert. Reserved seating sells out quickly.

The concert features a full professional orchestra with audience sing-a-longs of favorite carols along with our Parish Choir, School Choirs, Religious Formation Students and 5 Tenors. Champagne and wine reception with hearty hors d'oeuvres to follow.

Join the Christmas Concert Celebration!

All students in Religious Formation classes are invited to join in the sing-a-long with orchestra for the December 4th concert. Please contact the Ministry House if you would like to register your child. Each student must attend at least 2 rehearsals, preferably 3, and be able to come early on December 4th. The Concert is at 5 pm, and students will have to come earlier. Time will be announced.

Rehearsals will be offered at:

Monday, November 28, 5:30 - 6:00

Wednesday, November 30, 6:15 – 6:45

New Gather Third Edition Hymnals

Memorials and Gift donations are still being taken for our new Gather Hymnals. Memorials can be made after all Masses and at the Ministry House during business hours until all books are donated.

Old Gather Hymnals

If you donated or memorialized a current book and would like to keep it, books will be available in the Narthex this weekend. They will be in alphabetical order to help you find your book. We can't guarantee that all books are still here, we will do our best. Next weekend all books will be available in the Narthex for anybody who might like to have one for their home. Any remaining books will then be donated to a Church in need.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Receptionist Part-Time

Montville law firm seeks part-time receptionist/typist to start immediately. Answer telephones, schedule appointments and perform light clerical duties. 1-5 pm, Monday-Friday. E mail resume to info@casha.com or fax resume to 973-263-1830.

Apartment Available

Like new, one bedroom apartment with den in Towaco. If interested, daefrag@gmail.com.

Affordable Professional Tutoring

If your child is in need of study assistance, I would welcome the opportunity to help. Please e mail me at

danab0523@optonline.net or call 973-809-2983 to discuss your tutoring needs.